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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**LAW AND JUSTICE**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Law and Justice was called to order by Chairman Kesto.

Members present: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Graves, Howrylak, Roberts, Theis, Albert, Chang, Robinson, Guerra, Liberati, Wittenberg.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the minutes of January 30, 2018. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5407 (Hughes)                      Crime victims; statements; presence of defendant during presentation of victim oral impact statements; require.

Representative Hughes, Jessica Josephson and Debra Reamer, the sister and mother of crime victim Rebekah Bletsch, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Bruce A. Timmons, representing himself, testified in support of the bill.

John Lazet, representing the Michigan Attorney General, came forward to address questions.

Mike Pendy, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5010 (Farrington)                      Criminal procedure; statute of limitations; crime of armed robbery; include.

Representative Lucido moved to report out HB 5010 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-1-3.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Graves, Roberts, Theis, Albert, Chang, Guerra.  
Nays: Rep. Robinson.  
Pass: Reps. Howrylak, Liberati, Wittenberg.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4971 (Cochran) Criminal procedure; other; authority of counties to offer reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction; increase maximum reward.

Representative Chang moved to report out HB 4971 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 11-1-0.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Graves, Howrylak, Roberts, Theis, Albert, Chang, Guerra, Liberati, Wittenberg.  
Nays: Rep. Robinson.  
Pass: None.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 5450 (Kesto) Health facilities; employees; criminal history check for employment in a covered facility; modify.

HB 5451 (Noble) Mental health; facilities; criminal history check for employment in a psychiatric facility; modify.

HB 5452 (VanderWall) Human services; adult foster care; criminal history check for employment in an adult foster care facility; modify.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Kahryn Riley, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.  
Pete Lund, representing the Americans for Prosperity.  
John Schwartz, representing Trinity Health.  
Keith denHollander, representing the Christian Coalition.

Chairman Kesto laid the committee at ease, the time being 9:40 a.m.  
Vice-Chairman Lucido took the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 9:41 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Lucido laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 5377 (Kesto) Corrections; prisoners; criteria for placement on parole; modify.

Chairman Kesto, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Vice-Chairman Lucido laid the committee at ease, the time being 10:01 a.m.  
Chairman Kesto returned to the gavel and called the committee back to order, the time being 10:03 a.m.

Lindsay Case-Palsrok, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber, and Veronica Horn, representing the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Keith denHollander, representing the Christian Coalition, testified in support of the bill.

Pete Lund, representing the Americans for Prosperity, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Shari Ware, representing Still Standing, testified in support of the bill.

Kyle Kaminski, representing the Michigan Department of Corrections, testified with a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

John S. Cooper, representing the Citizens Alliance on Prisons & Public Spending, and submitted written testimony.

Jason Smith, representing the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency.

John Shea, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

Kimberly Buddin, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, and submitted written testimony.

Saphire Sumpter, Satoria Sumpter, Angela Williams Sumpter, Samiyah Sumpter, Sierra Sumpter, Shawn Thomas, Sarenity Sumpter, and Joshua Gordon, all representing Nelson Sumpter, submitted written testimony.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Kesto adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:28 a.m.

**Representative Klint Kesto, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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